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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ABOARD MSC CHARTER VESSEL
ARABIAN SEA

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1. MSC CONTRACT VESSEL HAS RESCUED 22 (TWENTY-TWO) VIET-
NAMESE REFUGEES FROM SMALL BOAT IN DISTRESS IN SOUTH
CHINA SEA. SINGAPORE NOT SCHEDULED AS FIRST PORT OF CALL
BUT IS ON SHIPS ROUTE AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
DISEMBARK REFUGEES THERE UNDER CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF
UNHCR DURING PROCESSING FOR RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.
ARABIAN SEA EXPECTED TO REACH SINGAPORE APPROXIMATELY

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2. FOR SINGAPORE: DEPARTMENT AWARE SINGAPORE HAS NOT HITHERTO BEEN RECEPTIVE TO REFUGEES WITHOUT GUARANTEE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THIRD COUNTRY, BUT BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF FIRST ASYLUM PRINCIPAL, AND IN LIGHT OF USG AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSES TO UNHCR APPEAL ON BOAT CASES, POSTS SHOULD REQUEST THAT THESE REFUGEES BE PERMITTED ASHORE UNDER PROTECTION OF UNHCR. POST AUTHORIZED TO INFORM GOS THAT BECAUSE SUBJECTS RESCUE BY US VESSEL, PAROLE WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT REGARD TO CRITERIA OF RECENTLY COMPLETED PROGRAM (I.E., CLOSE RELATIVE IN US,

FORMER EMPLOYEE, ASSOCIATION WITH US) TO ALL THOSE NOT FOUND INELIGIBLE UNDER LAW, SHOULD NO OTHER COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE ACCEPT THEM. MOREOVER, IT CAN BE POINTED OUT THAT ONLY HANDFUL OF INDOCHINESE CONSIDERED IN EARLIER US PAROLE PROGRAMS WERE FOUND TO BE INADMISSIBLE, AND IN UNLIKELY EVENT ANY IN PRESENT CASE SHOULD FAIL, US WOULD REQUEST AND EXPECT UNHCR TO DO ITS BEST TO FIND RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT MEET SECURITY OR MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS OF US LAWS. VISAS FALCON REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY POSTS ASAP, BUT EVEN WITH EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF NAME CHECKS AND VOLAG SEARCH FOR SPONSOR, AT LEAST 10 DAYS LIKELY TO PASS BEFORE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS CAN BE SENT TO POST. ARABIAN SEA UNDER ORDERS OBLIGING IT REACH DESTINATION IN PERSIAN GULF QUICKLY. THUS GOS REFUSAL TO GIVE TEMPORARY REFUGE WOULD REQUIRE SHIP TO CARRY REFUGEES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS OR TRANSFER TO OTHER USN SHIP. REQUEST POST INFORM DEPARTMENT RESULTS APPROACH TO GOS EARLIEST, INFO TO ALL ADDRESSEES AND SEC NAV AND CNO.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: INFORM UNHCR REP SUMPAT KUMAR OF ABOVE, AND REQUEST HE INTERVENE WITH GOS IN SUPPORT OF FIRST ASYLUM PRINCIPLE AND ONGOING UNHCR PROGRAM FOR BOAT CASES.

4. FOR GENEVA: INFORM UNHCR AND REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTION THAT LEVEL.
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